TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR GETTING ALONG IN YOUR MARRIAGE

1. *Thou shall not speak hateful words to one another.*

Words have meaning. Kind words strengthens a relationship. Cruel words weaken the foundation of a marriage.

2. Thou shall be reasonable, rational, and consistent.

Be real. Do not expect things of your mate that you do not expect of yourself. It is hard to discuss things if one is shouting, screaming, crying, pouting, or walking away. It is hard for one to please their mate, if they are changing their mind all the time.

3. Thou shall pray every day for your mate and your marriage.

God is the foundation that will bring a couple through any storm. Pray for your mate's purity. Pray for their spiritual strength. Pray for their growth in the Lord. Pray that you will be the person that God wants you to be. Pray for the kindness, forgiveness, and understanding, and then practice these things.

4. Thou shall find ways to praise your mate.

It is easy to find fault. Be looking for the good things. Compliment. Praise. Build up. Remember to practice the "golden rule" in your marriage.

5. Thou shall do the little things that surprise your mate and bring joy.

Everyone loves surprises. The best ar**e the ones** we least expect. The sweet notes left in special places, the simple gifts, the special phone calls are proof to our mate that we are thinking of them. They demonstrate a heart that is in love.

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"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105)

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6. Thou shall not let the problems of the world to become a problem in your marriage.

Your marriage should be a team concept. Support, defend and encourage each other against the pressures, stresses of work and the world. You are one with your mate, not the world! Help your mate when they are down.

7. Thou shall take the attention off of self and devote it to the other.

Marriage is not about you; it is about your mate. Find out how their day went. What are they thinking about? What are their dreams? What are their fears? Talk less aout yourself and listen more to your mate.

8. Thou shall allow grace to be a regular part of the house.

No one is perfect. God extends grace to us. That wonderful gift draws us closer to him. Grace needs to be in our marriage. Everyone has a bad day. No one is perfect, and no one is the "perfect mate." Treat each other as God treats us.

9. Thou shall use conflict as an opportunity to change and be better, not as a weapon of mass destruction.

Disagreements are a part of life and a part of marriage. They are the opportunity to influence, learn, change, and be better or they are the means of destroying the person we promised to live with. Use conflicts wisely.

10. Thou shall remember that you made a promise to your mate and to God.

You may have called your promise a vow, but you made it. Keep it! It is not conditioned upon your mate keeping their part first. Love is un-conditional. Keep your part of the promise, no exceptions!

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THINGS ETERNAL

The word "eternal" is defined in Webster's Dictionary as: "Lasting forever; always existing; perpetual; ceaseless; endless; not subject to change." The Bible speaks of several things that are eternal in nature. This article examines two eternal things.

1) Eternal Life. Although physical life is temporary, and soon to vanish away, God has provided us the opportunity to inherit eternal life through Jesus Christ. Paul wrote, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Eternal life is often spoken of inn the New Testament. In the first epistle of Johnn, the phrase "eternal life" is found six times. It is used twice in reference to jesus (1John 1:2; 5:20), and four times in reference to something possessed by the people of God (1 john 2:25; 3:15; 5:11, 13).

How do we inherit eternal life? We are saved by grace "through faith" (Eph. 2:8). However, true faith involves obedience. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 7:21). Hence, we must "do" the will of the father to inherit eternal life.

2) Eternal Punishment. Although more and more people are beginning to doubt the existence of hell, or eternal punishment, the Bible clearly teaches that such does exist (Mt. 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mk 9:43, 45, 47; Lk. 12:5; Jas. 3:6). In fact, no one spoke of hell more than our Lord Jesus Christ!

In comforting the brethren at Thessalonica, Paul mentioned the reality of eternal punishment. He wrote, " And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of hid power" (2Th 1:7-9). A place of eternal punishment does exist?

How can anyone claim to believe in Jesus, but dismiss what He taught about hell?? How can anyone claim to believe in eternal life for the righteous, but not in eternal punishment for the wicked?

Eternal life and eternal punishment will both last for the same amount of time. Jesus said, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Mt. 25:46). Notice that the same Greek word is used to describe the duration of both life and punishment.

How do we avoid eternal punishment? Each of us suffer from a disease called sin. If not treated, the result will be an eternity in torment. The one and only remedy for sin is Jesus Christ! You must believe in Him (Jn. 8:24), repent of your sins (Lk. 13:3), confess your faith publicly (Mt. 10:32), and be immersed in water (Mk. 16:16). The Bible says that Jesus "became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:9). WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?